

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ashie et al.

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Serial No.: 09/620,494

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Examiner: Hendricks, K

For: Meat Tenderization

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

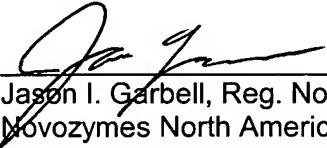
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2001 be extended for a period of three months.

Please charge the required fee, estimated to be \$920, to Novozymes North America, Inc., Deposit Account No. 50-1701. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 7, 2002



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